



March 30, 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration Region 1, would like to invite you to the upcoming Workforce Information Driving Regional Economies Conference, to be held May 9-10, 2007 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland, Maine.

The nationwide focus on regional economic transformation, through the issuance of Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grants, has helped identify a need to begin to inform the workforce development system about the WIRED concept. The WIRED concept centers on fostering regional economic transformation and growth by identifying and utilizing local area resources, making new and strengthening existing connections with a broad array of entities and stakeholders including educators, economic developers, researchers, and private sector organizations. The WIRED concept views innovation and integration of services as vital to our future economic success.

The purpose of this event is to explore ways in which workforce information links to and supports WIRED efforts. The conference aims to provide leadership, information, support and tools needed to transform local areas into regional economies.

This conference features a series of workshops with a sampling of WIRED Generation I and II recipients. The workshops will also provide information on data and tools that are useful in defining regions, high growth industries, and talent needs. The sessions are designed for Region 1 State Staff, Labor Market Information (LMI) Directors, State Leaders from Workforce Investment, Economic Development, Education, WIRED Grantees, Workforce Investment Boards, Census Bureau, and private entities involved with workforce development.

Attached to this invitation are contact information for the hotel and a separate registration form for the conference. Please fax or email a completed registration form to Linda J. Roy (207-287-2947 or Linda.J.Roy@Maine.gov) **no later than April 15, 2007**. Hotel reservations must be made separately.

We sincerely hope you will attend this conference and look forward to see you there.

Sincerely,

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